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REDUCE YOUR WEIGHT WITH DELICIOUS KELPIDINE CANDY PLAN!

"WE GUARANTEE YOU WILL LOSE UP TO 5 POUNDS IN 5 DAYS* 10 POUNDS IN 10 DAYS* 15 POUNDS IN 15 DAYS* 25 POUNDS IN 25 DAYS* AND KEEP IT OFF!"**

*How Fast You Lose Weight Depends Upon How Quickly You Order and How Much You Are Overweight

**You Will Always Want to Keep on Eating Kelpidine Candy—and Keep on the Plan—It KEEPS Weight Off!

THIS CANDY MUST TASTE AS GOOD AS OR BETTER THAN YOUR FAVORITE CANDY OR YOUR MONEY BACK!

take off up to 30 pounds of excess weight in 10 days. (2) To taste better or as good as your favorite candy and to be the best plan you ever followed or you get your money back.



Now at last science has discovered a new delightfully thrilling way to take off fat—to lose up to 25 lbs. safely! The secret is that Kelpidine Candy satisfies your craving for high calorie foods! It keeps you from overeating—the reason most doctors give for being fat! It's the best aid to will power, cuts your craving for foods!

NO DANGEROUS DRUGS! NO HARSH DIETS!

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YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU DON'T REDUCE TO THE WEIGHT YOU MOST DESIRE YOU!

Thousands of people were amazed to find that this delicious candy plan actually takes off weight—without dangerous drugs, starvation diet, or hard-to-follow methods. Here's one way to reduce that you will want to continue with to keep off fat! The Kelpidine Candy Plan helps you curb your appetite for fattening foods, helps keep you from overeating. Now you reach for a delicious sweet candy instead of fattening foods—it kills the overpowering urge to overeat—in eat between meal-snacks. You craving for rich, fattening foods is satisfied with this candy plan. Almost like magic you begin to enjoy this plan for reducing.

SENSATIONAL TWO-WAY GUARANTEE!

This sweet delicious Kelpidine Candy plan is guaranteed (1) to

SCIENTIFICALLY AND CLINICALLY TESTED!

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HERE'S HOW TO REDUCE AND STAY SLIM!

Most people are fat because of overeating—too much high calorie fattening foods—to your amazement you will want to keep on eating this delicious candy even after you have reduced to the weight that most becomes you and you'll keep your weight off that way!

AMAZING DISCOVERY OF SCIENCE!

The Kelpidine Candy plan is the result of scientific research for years for a new discovery for something that will stop your craving for fattening food and also satisfy your appetite. This delicious candy does not turn into oily fat, it gives you the same feeling of fullness you have after you have eaten a satisfying meal. It kills your desire to overeat—it kills your craving for bedtime snacks and for in-between meal snacks. It's so safe even a child

IT'S UNHEALTHY TO BE FAT!

Insurance companies and doctors tell everyone that too much fat shortens your life! Fat people die years sooner than people with normal weight! So be safe! The fair to yourself! Start taking off ugly fat with delicious tasting Kelpidine Candy plan!

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GOOD FOR WOMEN, TOO



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The city is a harmonious society where millions of beings live together and work together under a code of their own making called the LAW.

Now and again a citizen will violate that code. Within him, something happens...something goes wrong...and now, instead of being one of the society, he is one *against* society.

And so, whatever the nature of his defection, we must seek him out and contain him.

Thus it was we went after Mike Reeves.

Me? I'm Detective Sergeant Mark Fabian.
I'm a cop.

Death

TRAVELS NORTH!



TIME: 3:20PM

PAT POLO AND I
HAD JUST PUT THE
COLLAR ON A COUPLE
OF LOCAL THUGS...

STASH THESE
HOODS IN THE COOL-
ER, PAT. I'LL GET
THE PHONE!

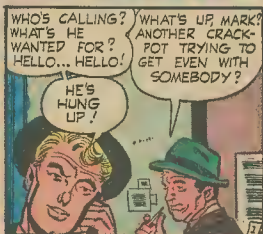
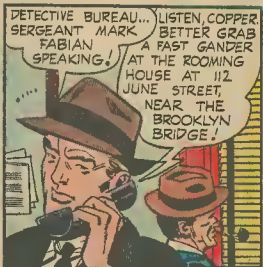
DETECTIVE BUREAU... LISTEN, COPPER.
SERGEANT MARK FABIAN
SPEAKING! A FAST GANDER
AT THE ROOMING
HOUSE AT 112
JUNE STREET,
NEAR THE
BROOKLYN
BRIDGE!

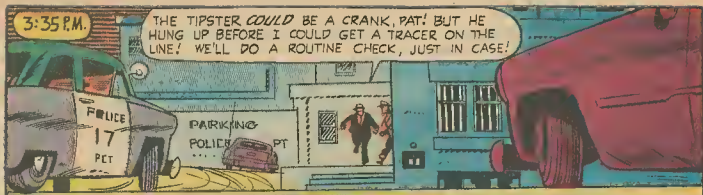
WHY? BECAUSE THERE'S A
CHARACTER NAMED
REEVES HOLED UP THERE..
HE'S DANGEROUS! MIKE
REEVES IS WANTED BY
THE MIAMI
POLICE!!

WHO'S CALLING?
WHAT'S HE
WANTED FOR?
HELLO... HELLO!

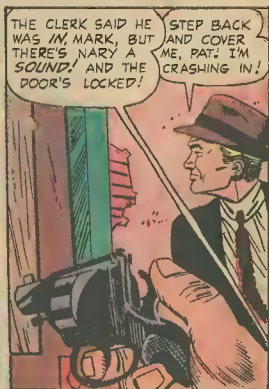
WHAT'S UP, MARK?
ANOTHER CRACK-
POT TRYING TO
GET EVEN WITH
SOMEBODY?

HE'S
HUNG
UP!





3:50 P.M. AFTER ASCERTAINING THE LOCATION OF MIKE REEVES' ROOM..



3:55 P.M. THERE IS A MAN IN THE ROOM, ALL RIGHT, A MIDDLE-AGED SEAMY FACED MAN SITTING QUIETLY IN A CHAIR. HE DOESN'T MOVE... DOESN'T EVEN BAT AN EYE-LASH...

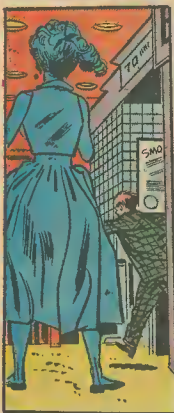




...AND REEVES, WHO
HASN'T MOVED SINCE
WE'D ENTERED HIS
ROOM, CLAMS UP
ON US!



4:05 P.M. WE START TO GIVE
THE PLACE THE O-O, WHEN
SUDDENLY REEVES COMES TO
LIFE. HE'S OUT THE DOOR AND
DOWN THE STAIRS BEFORE
WE CAN GET TO HIM...



REEVES! A TRAIN
GOES THROUGH
HERE EVERY
MINUTE!
COME BACK!



AND JUST THEN, A SUBWAY
TRAIN ROCKET'S THROUGH
THE NARROW TUNNEL...

GET BACK HERE,
REEVES! AND KEEP
AWAY FROM THAT
THIRD RAIL!!



UNH...
UNH...

QUICK!
THE SAFETY
NICHE IN
THE WALL!



BUT LIKE A RABBIT FROZEN
INTO IMMOBILITY BY THE
BALEFUL EYE OF A SNAKE,
REEVES IS BEYOND HELPING
HIMSELF...



PHEWW! A MITE
TOO CLOSE
FOR COMFORT!



OKAY, REEVES... LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE!



HMPH... LOOKED
LIKE CURTAINS
FOR YOU BACK
THERE! YOU
OKAY, MARK?

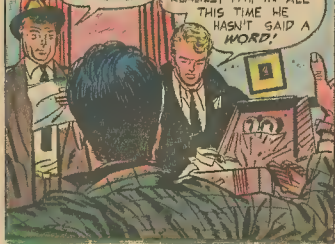
ALL OKAY, PAT!
SLIP SOME CUFFS
ON BROTHER
REEVES HERE!
AND LET'S GO
BACK AND FINISH
OUR LOOK-SEE
AT THAT ROOM
OF HIS!



5:25 P.M.: BACK AT REEVE'S FLOPHOUSE, WE GO THROUGH HIS ROOM WITH A FINE-TOOTH COMB, BUT...

...WHATEVER IT IS OUR CHUM IS HIDING, IT'S A CINCH HE AIN'T HIDING IT HERE!

BROTHER REEVES GETS MORE PUZZLING BY THE MINUTE! DO YOU REALIZE, PAT, IN ALL THIS TIME HE HASN'T SAID A WORD!



WELL, LET'S GET DOWN TO THE PRECINCT SO WE CAN CHECK WITH THE MIAMI POLICE! ON YOUR FEET, REEVES!

HOLD IT, PAT! WE'VE GOT A VISITOR!

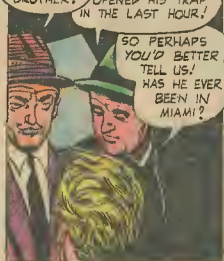


MIKE! WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG? WHO ARE THESE MEN?

WE'RE POLICE OFFICERS, MISTER! WHO ARE YOU?

WHY...AH...I AM QUENTIN REEVES! THIS MAN IS MY BROTHER!

WELL, HE REFUSES TO ANSWER QUESTIONS! HE AIN'T OPENED HIS TRAP IN THE LAST HOUR!



SO PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER TELL US! HAS HE EVER BEEN IN MIAMI?

UM...YES! MIKE HAS A WIFE AND CHILDREN IN MIAMI! BUT, HE...

OUT WITH IT, QUENTIN! IS YOUR BROTHER WANTED BY THE POLICE DOWN THERE?

IT MIGHT HELP STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT IF YOU'LL TALK TO US, MR. REEVES!



MY BROTHER... WANTED BY THE POLICE? I...I DON'T KNOW! I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW!

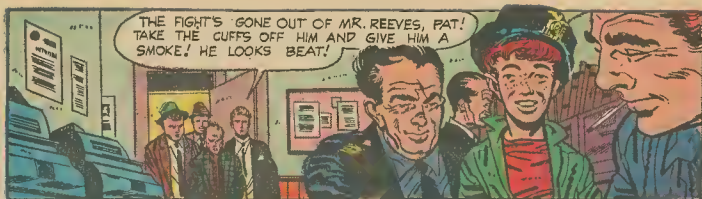
THEN WE'D BETTER RUN HIM DOWN TO THE STATION HOUSE! YOU CAN COME ALONG IF YOU LIKE!

ALL RIGHT, TALL DRAB AND SILENT... LET'S GO!



THUS, AT 5:40 P.M. ... ONCE MORE, THE SIREN OPENS A PATH THROUGH TRAFFIC FOR US...





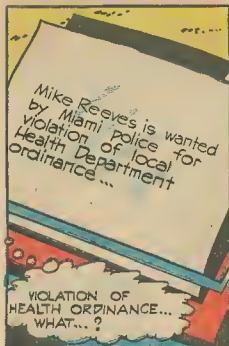
THE FIGHT'S GONE OUT OF MR. REEVES, PAT!
TAKE THE CUFFS OFF HIM AND GIVE HIM A
SMOKE! HE LOOKS BEAT!

WE CONTACT THE MIAMI POLICE...
AND IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, THE
POLICE TELETYPE TAPS OUT
THE PERFUNCTORY REPLY...

AND NOW, AS I RETURN TO
THE PRISONER, I NOTICE A
STARTLING THING! AS MIKE
REEVES SITS QUIETLY, THE
THE BURNING CIGARETTE IN
HIS HAND BECOMES SHORTER
AND SHORTER...

THE FIRE IS
TOUCHING HIS FINGERS!
AND HE NEITHER WINCES
NOR APPEARS TO
NOTICE IT!

NOW COPS ARE ONLY HUMAN, AND
I GOT THAT FUNNY FEELING! I
LOOK MIKE REEVES RIGHT IN THE
EYE AND...



VIOLATION OF
HEALTH ORDINANCE...
WHAT...?



ARE YOU
A LEPER?

... AT THE SOUND OF THE DREAD WORD
"LEPER," A HUSH DESCENDS ON THE
PLACE AND EVERY DETECTIVE IN
THE SQUADROOM LOOKS UP,
STARTLED!



HE'S...HE'S STILL NOT
TALKING, PAT! STAY
AWAY FROM HIM
WHILE I PHONE THE
MIAMI POLICE!

STAY AWAY
FROM HIM, HE
SAYS! I
WOULDN'T TOUCH
HIM WITH A
TEN FOOT POLE!

6:20 P.M. THE MIAMI POLICE ARE ON
THE PHONE. "YES" COMES THE ANSWER.
"MIKE REEVES APPLIED FOR A JOB
HERE A MONTH AGO..."

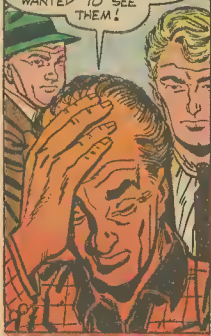
... A JOB WHICH REQUIRED A PHYSICAL
EXAMINATION! TESTS REVEALED
HE WAS A LEPER, AND HE
LAMMED! LEMME TELL YOU, FABIAN,
IT CAUSED QUITE A SCARE
DOWN HERE!



BY NOW,
EVERY MAN
IN THE STATION
HOUSE IS
VISIBLELY NER-
VOUS. CAN
LEPROSY BE
TRANSMITTED
BY A COUGH, A
SNEEZE, OR
CONTACT? NO
ONE KNOWS,
INCLUDING
POLO AND MY-
SELF! BELIEVE
ME, I WISH I'D
NEVER
RECEIVED THAT
ANONYMOUS
PHONE CALL!

6:23 P.M. AND SUDDENLY, NOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM IS OUT, MIKE REEVES FINALLY BREAKS DOWN! HE TALKS...

I'M WEARY OF RUNNING! SO VERY WEARY! YES, IT'S TRUE! I WAS IN THE LEPROSARIUM AT CARVILLE, LOUISIANA, BUT I FLED TO MIAMI! WHY? BECAUSE MY WIFE AND KIDS ARE THERE, AND I WANTED TO SEE THEM!



BELIEVE ME, FRIEND, I CANNOT GIVE THIS DISEASE TO YOU BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELING ABOUT ME! IT GOES WAY BACK TO BIBLICAL TIMES WHEN LEPROSERS WERE CONSIDERED UNCLEAN AND DANGEROUS...



...AS IN BIBLICAL TIMES, I TOO HAVE BEEN FIGURATIVELY STONED! HAVE YOU POLICE NO FEELINGS OF SYMPATHY FOR MEN WHO MUST SUFFER THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN?



THERE IS A LUMP IN MY THROAT AS I CALL THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES AND LEARN THAT LEPROSY IS NOT COMMUNICABLE IN TEMPORARY CLIMES AND THAT A LEPER HERE IS FORBIDDEN TO ACCEPT ONLY CERTAIN TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT...



...BUT AFTER A BRIEF CONSULTATION WITH HIS BROTHER QUENTIN, MIKE REEVES STATES HE'S DECIDED TO GO BACK TO LOUISIANA FOR FURTHER TREATMENT...

THANKS FOR TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, FABIAN! WILL YOU SHAKE HANDS?

GOOD LUCK TO YOU, REEVES!



6:47 P.M. THE AMBULANCE ARRIVES AND IT'S KIND OF A CRUCIAL MOMENT WHEN REEVES POKES OUT HIS HAND AT ME! I HESITATE ONLY A SECOND! THEN I TAKE IT AND SHAKE IT VIGOROUSLY!

YOU KNOW WHO YOUR ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLER WAS, SERGEANT FABIAN? IT... IT WAS ME! I... I DIDN'T WANT MIKE TO DIE IN THAT FURNISHED ROOM...



6:50 P.M.

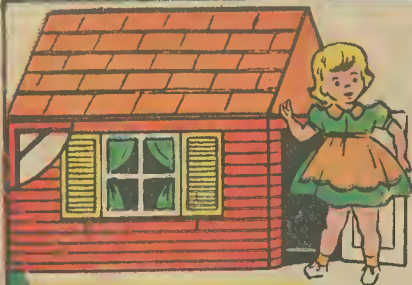
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THE COP

A man puts on a policeman's uniform and he becomes a cop...o cop who is the symbol of law enforcement. Kenny Cogan who walked a beat in his old neighborhood was such a symbol--but the symbol is also flesh and blood--and has a heart--and emotions. And all of this is daily placed in jeopardy when the COP starts out for...

"A DAY'S WORK!"



IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, A COP'S BEAT IS A LONELY ONE... BUT HE WALKS IT EVER ON THE ALERT FOR LAWBREAKERS--OR PROWLERS...



HIS EYES KEEP COMBING THE STREETS--EARS ALERT-- PAUSING NOW AND THEN TO SEE IF SOME CARELESS MERCHANT LEFT HIS DOOR OPEN...



YES... A COP HAS TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN...



OFFICER... (PANT) QUICK! THEY'RE FIGHTING IN THE DINER!

LET'S GO!



I'LL FIX YUH--! MAKE A PASS AT MY GIRL, WILL YA...?

BREAK IT UP!



DROP IT...! DROP IT, I SAID!



AWRIGHT, AWRIGHT... I AIN'T GOT THE KNIFE ANYMORE! TAKE IT EASY!

YOU, TOO... STAY PUT! I'LL WANT BOTH OF YOU DOWN AT THE STATION HOUSE! CALL THE PRECINCT FOR ME, WILL YOU, JOE?

SURE... SURE THING!

JUST ANOTHER INCIDENT IN A DAY'S WORK! BUT SOMETIMES A COP HAS A JOB THAT MAKES HIM FEEL KIND OF SHEEPISH. A JOB LIKE...



HI, MRS. MULLER. LIKE TO BUY A TICKET TO THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT DANCE! THEY'RE TWO DOLLARS THIS YEAR!

I SHOULD SAY NOT! TWO DOLLARS IS A LOT OF MONEY TO ME!

AND YOU CAN'T BULLY ME INTO IT EITHER, KENNY COGAN! I PAY GOOD TAXES FOR POLICE PROTECTION! I DON'T HAVE TO BUY ANY OLD TICKET FROM YOU COPS!

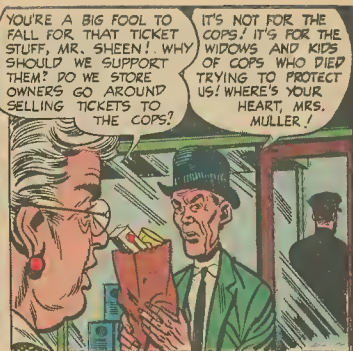
ALL RIGHT... RELAX! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY IT, MRS. MULLER! I'M JUST MAKING THE ROUNDS AND ASKING!



WELL--GO FIND ANOTHER SUCKER! YOU COPS SITTING AROUND IN YOUR FANCY UNIFORMS... GETTING GOOD MONEY FOR DOING NOTHING... AND THEN HOLDING UP MERCHANTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!

I SAID FORGET IT! ONE "NO" IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

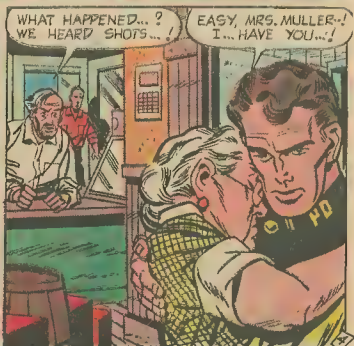




IT WAS JUST A SMALL INCIDENT AND NOBODY THOUGHT TOO MUCH ABOUT IT. BUT THAT NIGHT, AS KENNY BEGAN TO POUND HIS BEAT AGAIN...



A CITIZEN IS IN PERIL! IT'S A COP'S JOB TO DEFEND HIM... OR HER...!



AND THEN THE PLACE WAS SWARMING WITH POLICE, CROWDS, SQUAD CARS, AMBULANCES...

THAT SLUGGING THEY GAVE THE OLD LADY DIDN'T DO HER ANY GOOD! SHE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD! GOOD THING YOU GOT HER OUT OF THAT REFRIGERATOR OR SHE'D BE DONE FOR! COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD YOURSELF!

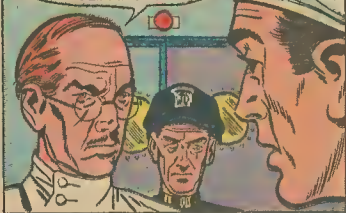
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, CAPTAIN! LET'S GET DOWN TO THE HOSPITAL!



AND MINUTES LATER... AT THE HOSPITAL...

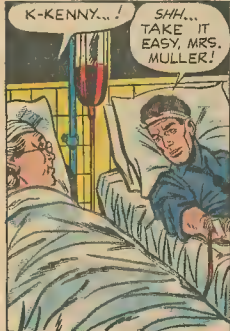
YOU MAY HAVE SAVED HER LIFE, OFFICER COGAN... BUT IT MAY BE FOR NOTHING UNLESS WE GET SOME TYPE O BLOOD INTO HER IN A TRANSFUSION. SHE'S SLIPPING FAST!

THAT'S MY TYPE, DOC! LET'S GO!



K-KENNY...!

SHH... TAKE IT EASY, MRS. MULLER!



AND AFTER IT WAS OVER...

HOW IS SHE DOING?

SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT! HERE, DRINK THIS!



IMAGINE BEATING UP AN OLD LADY LIKE THAT! WHAT KIND OF ANIMALS ROAM THE STREETS NOWADAYS? SOMETHING REALLY OUGHT TO BE DONE ABOUT IT!

SOMETHING IS GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT IT!



HE FINISHED HIS TOUR OF DUTY AND LATER THAT MORNING AT THE PRECINCT...

WHY DON'T YOU KNOCK OFF FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS, KENNY...UNTIL YOU GET THE COBWEBS CLEARED UP?

MY JOB ISN'T OVER YET! I'M GOING TO GET THOSE TWO PUNKS! IF I SAW THEM AGAIN...



AND SO THE NEXT FEW DAYS AFTER HIS TOUR OF DUTY WAS OVER, KENNY WENT LOOKING...



DAY AFTER DAY...NIGHT AFTER NIGHT...HE KEPT LOOKING!
THEY HAD TO BE SOMEPLACE!

A DANCE HALL THAT CATERS TO
SOMY SHADY CHARACTERS!
COULD BE...!



AT LAST... THERE'S ONE OF
THEM OR MY NAME ISN'T
KENNY COGAN!



THE
COP...!



RALPHIE! IT'S THE
COPPER! HE'S
AFTER US!

PLUG HIM!
PLUG HIM!



I'M SHOT! I'M SHOT!
HE SHOT ME,
RALPHIE!



DON'T SHOOT ME...!
I GIVE UP! DON'T
SHOOT ME!

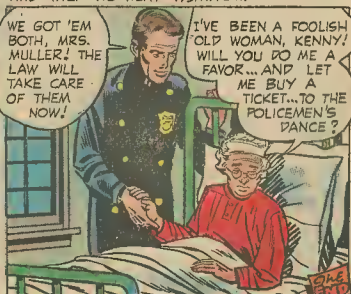
DROP YOUR GUN...
AND TURN
AROUND FAST!



AND THAT'S HOW IT ENDED. THEY BOOKED THE
TWO THUGS AFTER KENNY BROUGHT THEM IN
AND THEN HE WENT VISITING...

WE GOT 'EM
BOTH, MRS.
MULLER! THE
LAW WILL
TAKE CARE
OF THEM
NOW!

I'VE BEEN A FOOLISH
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FAVOR... AND LET
ME BUY A
TICKET...TO THE
POLICEMEN'S
DANCE?



THE
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SIGNALS ON

THE phone on his desk suddenly came to life and Lieutenant Harry Gale scooped it to his ear. It made crisp, crackling sounds. Gale snapped an answer into it and hung up.

His bulky form rose with amazing agility from his chair and he took swift strides toward the door of the detective room, at the same time bellowing for his sidekick. "Let's go, Tom. We're going hunting for the Cato mob." Detective Tom Crease started toward the Lieutenant on the double and got through the door just behind him.

"The Cato Mob?" asked Tom as Lieutenant Gale threw the fast detective car into high. "What? Where—and when?"

"They're knocking over the Killey Warehouse on Farr street," responded Harry Gale. "The Chief got a hot tip from an Informer that they're pulling the job there and if we work it right, we can bottle up the whole crowd. All squad cars have been ordered to the scene under code 77. If the tip is on the level, we'll finally be catching up with our pal, Eddie Cato and company.

"There'll be gunplay," said Tom as he pulled his service revolver and thoughtfully flipped the barrel.

"Could be," agreed Harry. "Some of the yeggs in that gang are three time losers and they're not going to give up easy. But don't you fret, Tommy, my boy. You stay behind me and they'll never even see you."

Harry Gale chuckled softly as Tom gave him a side-long glance. "It's a good thing you smiled when you said that," retorted Tom. "Come to think of it, I don't see how you've managed to live so long in this business. A guy as big as you is like a sitting duck."

The ex-football star turned to his partner and winked. "Didn't you know that bullets bounce off me?" It was true that Harry Gale was a huge man, but there was no fat clinging to that frame. He still had the same hardness about him when he was stopping ambitious backs who seemed touch-down bound until they ran into Harry playing defensive tackle.

And Harry had a brain that matched his brawn. If

a bullet hadn't touched him yet it was because he was smart as well as courageous.

The big car snaked through heavy downtown traffic heading for the docks. Squad cars were already thick around the Killey warehouse on Farr street when Harry pulled over to the curb. Sergeant Moran approached the two detectives from the direction of the warehouse with a gloomy expression.

"We missed the boat again, Lieutenant. They got away!"

"Any sign they were ever here?" asked Harry Gale. "Was the tip a phony?"

"They were here all right," snapped the Sergeant. The watchman was knocked cold and half the valuable stuff in the warehouse is missing. But there's no sign of any of the Cato gang."

"Half the stuff?" asked Harry, as a puzzled expression crossed his face. "That means they were interrupted in their work. Did any of the squad cars come in with open sirens?"

"No sir," said Moran emphatically. "We had strict orders in that code 77. Everybody practically sneaked in here."

"That means only one thing then," said the Lieutenant. "Cato has broken the police code. Somebody in the gang carries a portable radio to pick up police calls and as soon as we shoot out a code call to the squad cars, they get hep and scam."

Sometimes there are things that the police know—but can't prove. They knew that Eddie Cato was the leader and brains behind the gang. Eddie had a long police record. Since his release from prison some eight months ago, his gang had pulled off several successful robberies, always managing to stay one step ahead of the police. And the cops were unable, officially, to connect Cato's gang with the robberies.

A week after the warehouse robbery, Harry Gale and Tom were cruising toward the Municipal Stadium. "We got a break on this assignment," smiled Tom. "Everybody and his brother is going to try and get in to see the big football game. And

because it's going to be jammed, we're put on duty so we get in free."

Harry was about to answer when he suddenly nudged Tom into silence and pointed. They were approaching the main gate of the Stadium and standing in line before a ticket window was Eddie Cato.

"Well, we won't have to worry about the Cato mob pulling anything today. Eddie is taking the afternoon off."

"No he isn't", snapped the Lieutenant. This is a job! He wouldn't be coming here for pleasure. He hates sports."

"Huh? How do you know?"

"Look. If you want to keep up with a con like that, you have to know a lot about him. Study his habits. I happen to know that when the prison team was playing for the championship last year, he was the only man outside of those in solitary who wouldn't watch the game. He preferred to stay in his cell and read. I'm betting the Cato mob is planning on sticking up the cashiers in the ball park and make off with the receipts which should be a nice tidy sum today."

"What do we do—tail him?" asked Tom.

"Nope," answered the Lieutenant thoughtfully. "If we tail him, he might get wise and stay clear of the job while his henchmen do the dirty work. We'll still have nothing on him. And we can't risk a gun battle in that Stadium with all those innocent people in there. We have to call headquarters and have men stationed near each ticket window and nab them when they come out of their holes."

"But how can we do that?" his sidekick asked. "If they've broken the code signals they'll be tipped off."

"Right—but I'm going to try something a little different." He picked up the mouthpiece to the car radio and asked to speak to the Chief. Seconds later, he heard the chief's gruff voice barking at him.

"Listen, Chief, I hate to bother you at a time like this. But I win that bet we had on that football signal."

For a second there was a pause and then came the Chief's guarded answer. "Yeah—what makes you think so?"

"Well—I'm at the Stadium now about to watch the game and it suddenly came to me. The signal

was eleven—seven—thirteen—forty-two. Remember?"

"I guess you win all right," growled the chief. "But next time don't waste my time on stuff like that when you're on duty. Over and out."

Tom looked puzzled as the Lieutenant signed off and grinned at him like a cat who had swallowed the canary. "What was that all about? I don't get it. Why the sudden passion for football signals?"

"All the answers in due time, my laddie," smiled Harry. "Right now we're going into the ball park and watch as a swell game."

Tom tried to get some more answers, but Harry brushed him off, and soon he had forgotten all about it as he became one of the many thousands involved in watching the exciting football contest. Along about the third quarter, he thought he heard police sirens, but the Lieutenant waved him down in his seat.

After the game was over, and they casually strolled out, Tom heard newsboys excitedly shouting news that was blazing from banner headlines. Before he could get a paper, the Lieutenant snatched one out of the newsboy's hands and staring over his shoulder, Tom saw the black headlines. "CATO MOB CAPTURED ATTEMPTING TO ROB STADIUM RECEIPTS".

Harry grinned at the thunderstruck expression on Tom's face as Tom tried to frame the million questions beating at his brain. But before he could say a word, the Lieutenant threw an affectionate arm around his shoulders and started talking.

"Maybe you forgot that the Chief used to play football at my school, too. He was assistant coach when I was in my last year up there. With the hocus-pocus about a bet that never existed, I simply phoned him and gave him our old signal for a FIELD GOAL! He got it—and fast. "Field"—was the stadium—and that was his "goal". The other numbers indicated the opposition trying to crash through. Eddie Cato was our opposition, wasn't he? The Chief figured it out like I meant it. Cato mob was trying to crash the Stadium. Where would they go? For the cashiers' cages, of course. The Chief sent out enough men to surround the place and they walked right into our little trap. I wasn't worried about Eddie decoding that football signal. After all, he hated sports."

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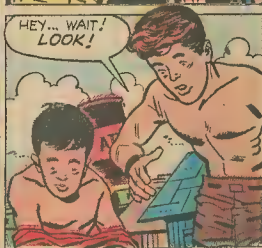
Sometimes they try to strike back at the sinister forces... and sometimes they end up as a corpse fished from the water.

How do I know? I'm a cop! Detective Sergeant Mork Fabian is my name and I want to tell you about...

The CASE OF THE WATERFRONT MOB



WE WEREN'T AT THE SPOT WHERE THIS CASE HAD ITS BEGINNING. THERE WERE ONLY SOME KIDS WHO WERE EAGERLY LOOKING FORWARD TO A SWIM IN THE RIVER...



MY PARTNER, PAT FOLD, AND ME WERE WORKING THE DAY WATCH OUT OF HOMECIDE THAT DAY WHEN THE KID SPOTTED THE BODY--AND THAT WAS OUR CLUE TO ENTER THE CASE...

WE BULLED OUR WAY THROUGH TRAFFIC AND ARRIVED AT THE WATERFRONT AT 11:16. THE BODY HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE WATER...BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER ANYMORE TO WHOMEVER IT HAD ONCE BEEN...

LET'S GO, PAT! THEY JUST PULLED A STIFF OUT OF THE WATER, AND HE'S VERY, VERY DEAD--

SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE PULLING A LOT OF STUFF OUT OF THE WATER THESE DAYS...AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT FISH!

WHAT A GOING-OVER THIS POOR DEVIL TOOK BEFORE THEY DROPPED HIM IN THE WATER!

I COUNT AT LEAST NINE STAB WOUNDS. FIGURE HE'S BEEN IN THE WATER AT LEAST THREE DAYS, DON'T YOU MARK?

WELL, IT'S NO AMATEUR JOB! NOT A MARK OF IDENTIFICATION ON HIM! I GUESS WE'LL LET THE CORONER'S OFFICE TAKE OVER!

11:45...WE MADE SOME ROUTINE INVESTIGATION, BUT IT LED INTO A BLIND ALLEY. AND THEN WE WENT BACK TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE HOPING HE'D HAVE SOME ANSWERS...

11:18...WE WENT UPSTAIRS WHERE THE WOMAN WAS WAITING. SHE WAS FIGHTING HARD TO HANG ON TO HERSELF, BUT SHE WAS LOSING THE BATTLE...

HE WAS OBVIOUSLY DEAD BEFORE THEY TOSSED HIM IN THE WATER. NO WATER IN HIS LUNGS. HIS HANDS INDICATE HE DID HARD MANUAL LABOR. I'D GUESS A LONGSHOREMAN!

THERE'S A DAME UPSTAIRS ASKING ABOUT THE BODY THAT WAS PULLED OUT OF THE RIVER TODAY. THE CAPTAIN SAID IT WAS YOUR CASE, FABIAN. WANT TO SEE HER?

I HEARD ABOUT THE BODY BEING FOUND OVER THE RADIO--MY HUSBAND--LARRY--HE HASN'T BEEN HOME IN TEN DAYS...LARRY WORKED ON THE DOCKS...AND I THOUGHT IF YOU HAVE SOME OF THE CLOTHING...FROM THE MAN... I... I'D LIKE TO SEE IT!

YES, MA'M... WE HAVEN'T MADE IDENTIFICATION YET... BUT THERE ARE SOME CLOTHES. COME THIS WAY PLEASE.

I KNEW IT!
I KNEW IT!
THEY KILLED HIM!

IT TOOK ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES TO CALM HER DOWN ENOUGH SO THAT WE COULD THROW SOME QUESTIONS AT HER. SHE KEPT MUMBLING, ALMOST TO HERSELF...

LARRY TOLD ME THEY'D KILL HIM FOR WHAT HE DID...HE TOLD ME, AND THEY DID IT!

WHO...WHO KILLED HIM, MRS. BURNS?

I--I DON'T KNOW! IT MUST'VE BEEN THE GANG!

WHY DON'T YOU START AT THE BEGINNING, MAM? TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW... JUST TELL US NICE AND EASY!

LARRY WORKED ON THE PIERS AT THE HEAD OF A WORK GANG! EVERY MORNING THEY HAVE A SHAPE-UP... AND LARRY HIRES MEN TO LOAD AND UNLOAD THE SHIPS. HE TOLD ME THAT THIS MORNING...



YOU...AND YOU...AND MALONEY-O'HARA--ADAMS AND MINCETTI. THAT'S ALL!

HOW ABOUT ME, LARRY?

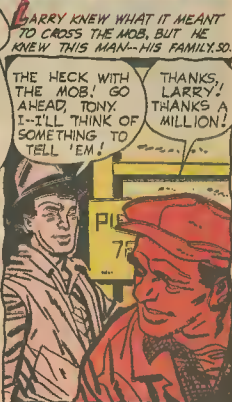
I'D LIKE TO, TONY...BUT YOU KNOW I CAN'T! THE MOB HAS GOT YOU ON THE LIST!

I AIN'T HAD A DAY'S WORK IN WEEKS! MY KIDS HAVE GOT TO EAT... THEY GOT BELLIES THAT NEED FOOD, YOU GOT TO GIVE ME A BREAK, LARRY!

LARRY KNEW WHAT IT MEANT TO CROSS THE MOB, BUT HE KNEW THIS MAN--HIS FAMILY.SD...

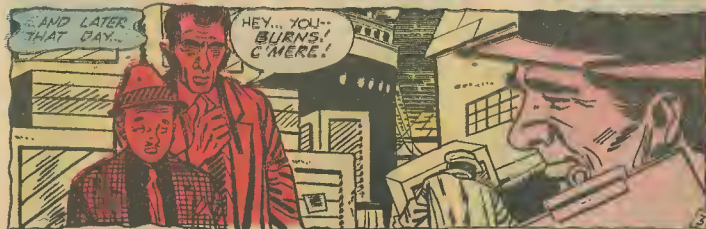
THE HECK WITH THE MOB! GO AHEAD, TONY. I--I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING TO TELL 'EM!

THANKS, LARRY! THANKS A MILLION!



AND LATER THAT DAY...

HEY... YOU--BURNS! C'MERE!



HOW COME TONY IS WORKING TODAY? YOU KNOW HE DON'T KICK BACK TO THE ASSOCIATION AND HE'S ON THE LIST THE BOSS GAVE YOU!

B-BUT THE POOR GUY NEEDS WORK! I FIGURED JUST ONE DAY...

YOU FIGURED WRONG, BURNS! COME ON... THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE YOU!

YOU DISAPPOINTED ME, LARRY! WE GAVE YOU THE JOB BECAUSE I FIGGER YOU CAN TAKE ORDERS. YOU KNOW OUR RULES. ANYBODY WHO DON'T KICK BACK WITH SALARY--DON'T WORK! AND NOW YOU MAKE UP NEW RULES!

WELL...I'M SICK OF TAKING ORDERS FROM A BUNCH OF RATS AND LEECHES WHO KEEP SHAKING US DOWN. TONY'S A GOOD MAN AND HE'S GOT A RIGHT TO WORK!

LARRY CAME HOME THAT NIGHT AND TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT. THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HIM THEN... BUT HE KNEW THEY'D TRY SOMETHING...AND NOW...

OH, LARRY... WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW?

I'LL HAVE SOMEONE DRIVE YOU HOME, MRS. BURNS. WE...WE'LL CATCH UP WITH THE ONES WHO DID IT!

LISTENING TO THAT POOR SOUL-- AND WHAT THEY DID TO HER HUSBAND... IT MAKES ME SICK TO MY STOMACH! I SURE WANT TO FIND THE RATS WHO DID IT!

THAT MAKES IT UNANIMOUS! LET'S GO DOWN TO THE DOCKS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN SEE!

3:25...WE WENT BACK TO THE DOCKS AND SENSED THE TENSION THAT SEEMED TO PREVAIL WHEREVER WE WENT. WE FINALLY CORNERED A COUPLE OF RELUCTANT LONGSHOREMEN...

WE'RE JUST LOOKING FOR INFORMATION. YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID TO OPEN UP. I CAN GUARANTEE YOU PROTECTION.

LAY OFF! I DON'T KNOW NOthin'!

WE WENT FROM GROUP TO GROUP...BUT IT ALL ADDED UP TO A BIG NOTHING...

ALL WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS GET A LINE ON THE GUYS WHO BUMPED LARRY BURNS. HE WAS A PAL TO YOU GUYS. HOW ABOUT OPENING UP?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

4: 43...IT WENT THAT WAY ALL DAY. FEAR HAD MADE EVERYBODY ON THE PIER "DUMMY" UP. SOMETHING NEW HAD TO BE ADDED...

WHAT NOW, MARK? IT'S A CINCINCH WE'RE ONLY WASTING TIME RIGHT NOW!



RIGHT! IF WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT ANYTHING, WE'LL HAVE TO BE ON THE "INSIDE"! MAYBE THE CHIEF CAN WORK ME IN AS A DOCK WALLOPER FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.

IT WAS WORTH A TRY. SO TWO DAYS LATER, WE PULLED SOME STRINGS AND THAT MORNING FOUND ME IN A "SHAPE-UP" ON THE WATERFRONT...

...AND YOU...AND GREGORY...! THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, BOYS!

HEY, MAC! WAIT A MINUTE!



I JUST BLEW IN FROM NEW ORLEANS. THEY TOLD ME YOU'D SEE THAT I GOT SOME WORK IN YOUR "GANG." I GOT SOME CONNECTIONS DOWN THERE!

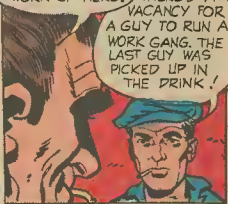
YOU HAVE, EH? WELL GO TALK TO GUNNER THERE! IF HE SAYS IT'S OKAY... IT'S OKAY!



GUNNER TURNS OUT TO BE A PLUG-UGLY I RECOGNIZE WITH A RECORD AS LONG AS YOUR ARM. BUT I DIDN'T BAT AN EYE AND WENT ON WITH MY "ACT"...

SO YOU'RE FROM ORLEANS, EH? AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN PROMOTE YOURSELF SOME WORK UP HERE?

I AIN'T JUST LOOKIN' FOR "WORK," BUSTER. NOT THAT KIND OF WORK! I HEAR THERE'S A VACANCY FOR A GUY TO RUN A WORK GANG. THE LAST GUY WAS PICKED UP IN THE DRINK!



HIS EYES NARROW SUSPICIOUSLY BUT HE SAYS NOTHING. FINALLY, HE BECKONS TO ME LIKE HE'D MADE UP HIS MIND ABOUT SOMETHING...

COME ON...I'LL LET YOU TALK TO THE BOSS!

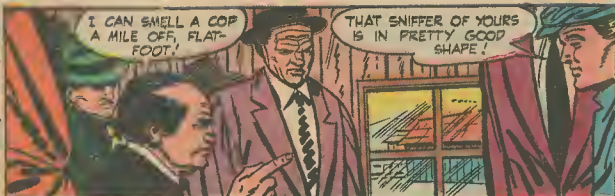
HERE WE GO FOR ALL OR NOTHING!



INSIDE!



ONE LOOK AT THEIR FACES AND I COULD SEE I'D WALKED INTO IT. THESE GUYS DIDN'T HAVE ANY BOY SCOUT IDEAS...



THAT SNIFFER OF YOURS IS IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE!

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT GUY THEY FISHED OUT OF THE DRINK, DON'T YOU, COPPER?

THE SAME THING IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU!

KILL A COP AND YOU LIGHT A FIRE UNDER THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT, FATSO!

I WASN'T TRYING TO BE A HERO. A COP LIKES TO GO ON LIVING LIKE ANYONE ELSE. BUT IF I LET THEM BLUFF ME, I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE. FATTY DIDN'T LIKE MY CRACK AND IMMEDIATELY SHOWED HIS DISPLEASURE BY DIGGING HIS FOOT INTO ME...

THEN WE'LL LIGHT THE FIRE!

CRACK!

HE HAD BIG FEET... AND IT HURT PLENTY... AND I REACTED INSTINCTIVELY... BUT FAST!

SUPPOSE YOU TRY THAT FOR SIZE!

I LASHED OUT WILDLY AND HIT HARD AT ANYTHING THAT WAS EVEN CLOSE. I KNEW I WAS FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE NOW...



THE COPS!
DROP THAT ROD!
DROP IT FAST!

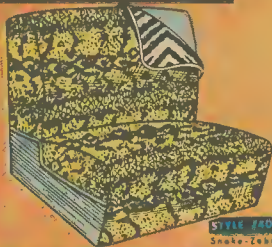
THE SHOTS KNOCKED ALL THE FIGHT OUT OF THEM IN A HURRY AND I GUESS I WAS NEVER SO GLAD TO SEE PAT AND A LOT OF BLUE UNIFORMS...

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU TOLD ME TO KEEP TRAILING YOU, BOYS... THE MARK! THESE SMALL FRY... RATS MEANT AND TAKING BUSINESS! ORDERS FROM HIGHER-UPS. BUT I GUESS WE GOT THE ONES WHO FINISHED OFF LARRY BURNS. TAKE THEM AWAY AND BOOK 'EM!

IT WAS JUST A SMALL PART OF THE ROT THAT WAS FESTERING ON THE WATER-FRONT. BUT OUR JOB ISN'T OVER... AND IT WON'T BE OVER UNTIL THE PORT IS CLEANED UP AND WE CAN WRITE...

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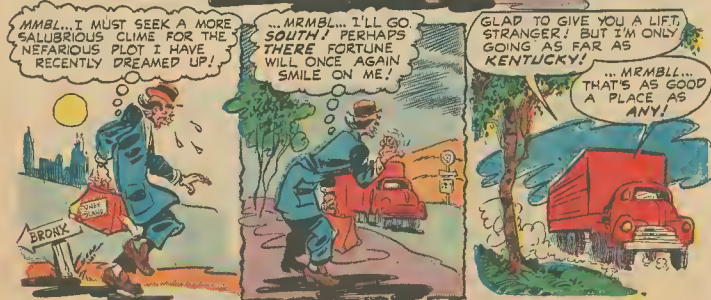
LUKE ^{THE} SPOOK in OH, MY ACHING BACK



BEAT IT, SPOOK!
GET LOST!
BLOW!

**YAMOOSIE! BEFORE
SOME OF YOUR BAD
LUCK RUBS OFF ON
US!**

MMRMBL... 12 FAILURES IN A ROW! MY
NEXT ATTEMPT TO SWINDLE SOMEBODY
OUT OF SOMETHING WILL BE MY
THIRTEENTH! THAT'S AN UNLUCKY
NUMBER! I DASSN'T TRY IT
HERE!



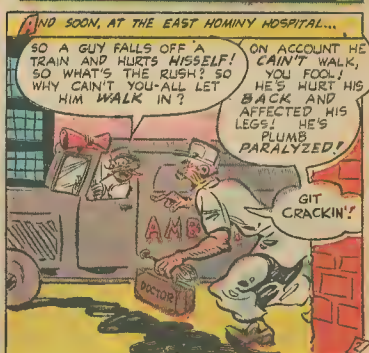
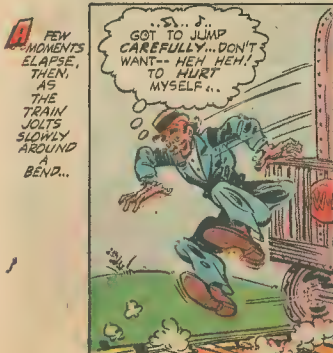
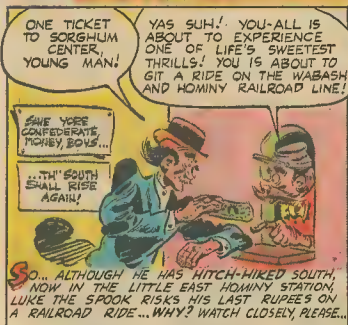
MMBL...I MUST SEEK A MORE
SALUBRIOUS CLIME FOR THE
NEFARIOUS PLOT I HAVE
RECENTLY DREAMED UP!

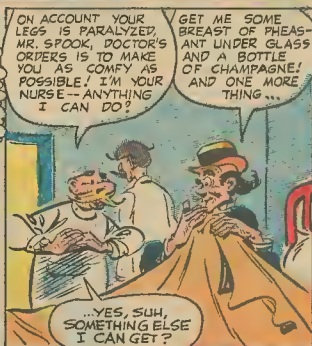
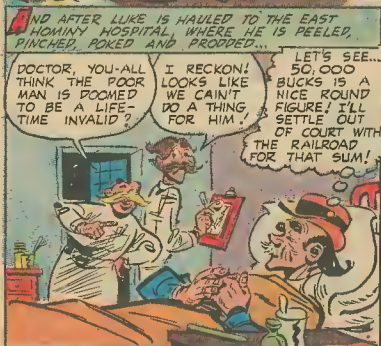
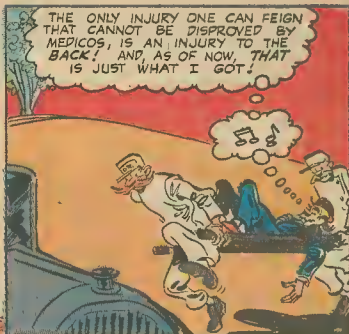
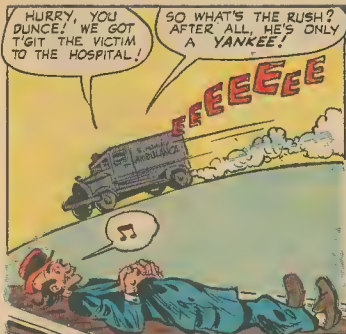
...MRMBL... I'LL GO SOUTH! PERHAPS THERE FORTUNE WILL ONCE AGAIN SMILE ON ME!

GLAD TO GIVE YOU A LIFT,
STRANGER! BUT I'M ONLY
GOING AS FAR AS
KENTUCKY!

... MRMBLL...
THAT'S AS GOOD
A PLACE AS
ANY!

THUS
SOME
DAYS
LATER,
IN THE
TUCKY
TOWN
OF
EAST
HOMINY...





...HEH!...IN THESE SUMPTUOUS SURROUNDINGS, I JUST REMAIN "PARALYZED" UNTIL I COLLECT THE LOOT AT THE LAWSUIT...

LATER...

YOU ASKED FOR A NEW NURSE, MR. SPOOK! AH RECKON AH'M HER! MAH NAME'S AMBER!

WOW!
YOU CAN NURSE ME FOREVER, AMBER!

GET IT? FOREVER AMBER! CHUKL... CHUKL...

THAT'S KINDA CORNY, BUT AS LONG AS HE'S HAPPY...

AMBER PROVES TO BE A MOST SATISFACTORY NURSE, ANTICIPATING EVERY LAST NEED OF LUKE THE SPOOK. BUT ONE MORNING A FEW DAYS LATER, SHE'S TARDY IN REPORTING FOR DUTY...

A...A LAWSUIT? QUICK, GIRL... WHAT DID HE SAY?

LUKE'S SUPERSTITIOUS NATURE GETS THE BETTER OF HIM...

I'VE BEEN CALLING YOU FOR THE LAST HOUR, AMBER! WHERE IN CREATION HAVE YOU BEEN, GIRL?

TO MAH FORTUNE-TELLER, MR. SPOOK! HE WAS FORECASTING SUCH EXCITING THINGS, AH COULDN'T LEAVE! ALL ABOUT A LAWSUIT...

YOU KNOW AH CAIN'T TELL YOU THAT, MR. SPOOK! THAT'S BAD LUCK! YOU'LL HAVE TO SEE THE SWAMI YOURSELF!

I...I CAN'T GO TO SEE HIM, GIRL! I'M...I'M...UH...PARALYZED! AMBER, YOU'VE GOT TO BRING THIS SWAMI TO ME!

AH'LL SEE WHAT AH CAN DO, MR. SPOOK! MAYBE AH CAN SMUGGLE HIM INTO THE HOSPITAL TONIGHT!

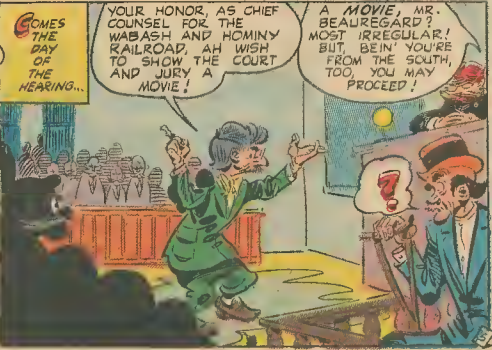
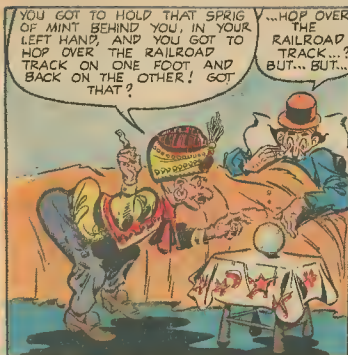
THUS, WHEN MOONLIGHT MEANDERS MIDST THE MAGNOLIAS...

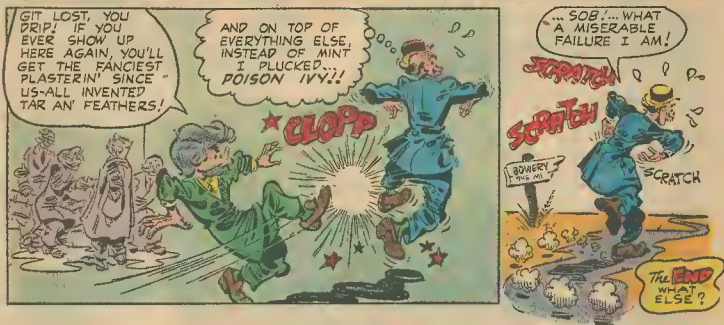
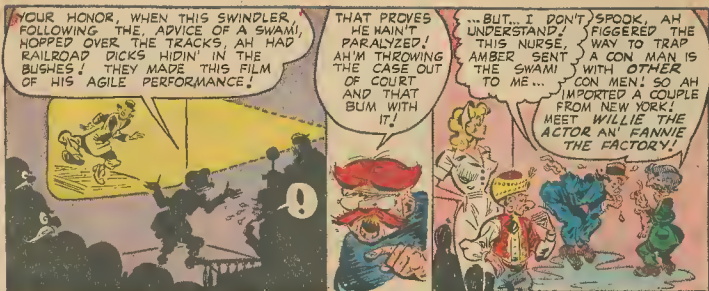
THIS LAWSUIT YOU SEE IN THERE SWAMI...DO... DO I FIGURE IN IT?

YOU SHORE DO, COLONEL! AND IF YOU WANT TO WIN THE LAWSUIT, YOU GOT TO DO EXACTLY AS AH SAY!

YOU GOT TO PLUCK A SPRIG OF LOCAL MINT! THEN, PRECISELY AT PAWN TOMORROW...

YES, YES, SWAMI! GO ON!





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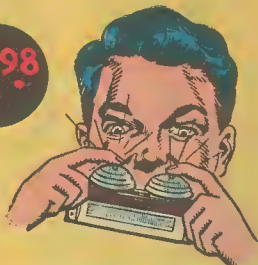
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